

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (5)
JANUARY 13, 2026**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding and the following other members present Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder (virtually), and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston informed the Board that he is considering new office chairs for the Comm Center and Jail, which would be eight total chairs at approximately \$1,500 per chair. Elston would like to use some of his remaining capital project funds to purchase the chairs. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to allow the Sheriff to purchase eight **new chairs** for the Comm Center and Jail, at a cost of approximately \$1,500 per chair, and to use his remaining capital project funds for the purchase. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston asked the Board to allow him to sign a contract for 15 new TASERS from Axon Enterprises, Inc. at approximately \$10,000 per year for five years. Elston noted that this includes trading in the old ones. Elston would like to pay for at least the first year from CARES funds. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve Sheriff Elston to sign the contract for 15 new **TASERS from Axon Enterprises, Inc.**, for the Sheriff's Department, at approximately \$10,000 per year for five years with trade in value and using CARES funds for the first year of the contract. Carried.

Deputy Auditor Sharon Henkel and representing the Wellness Committee, reviewed the FY'26 Wellness Program activities, and presented an allocation request of \$25,000 for wellness activities in FY'27, keeping the amount reimbursed to employees for a physical at \$150, and allowing up to 3 hours paid time off for their physical. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve an **allocation** of \$25,000 for Wellness activities in FY'27, continuing the amount reimbursed to employees for a **physical** at \$150, and allowing up to 3 hours of **paid time off** for their physical. Carried.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 1/6/26, 1/8/26, and 1/9/26 as presented, today's **claim approval list and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: December Solid Waste Commission minutes, January Safety Committee minutes, and December Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. until Tuesday, January 20 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.